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Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11-12:30. 2-5, and by appt.

Books for the class:

The Norton Anthology of English Literature, Vols. I and II

Class goals:

- to develop an overall sense of the major periods and writers in literature written in English, with a particular focus on English literature
- to look back upon and rethink texts previously read or studied
- to take stock of one's own path as an English major

Work for the class:

- regular reading, regular attendance, and regular participation
- the semester-long personal bibliography project

Beginning schedule:

1/9 Introduction

1/11 Virginia Woolf, *A Room of One's Own*

1/16 *A Room of One's Own*

1/18 "The Persistence of English," "Introduction to the Middle Ages," "Dream of the Rood," "The Wanderer," and "The Wife's Lament." *Norton, Vol. I*

1/23 *Beowulf*

1/25 *Beowulf*

1/30 *Gawain and the Green Knight*

2/1 *Gawain and the Green Knight*

2/6 Chaucer, "General Prologue" to the *Canterbury Tales*

2/8 Chaucer, "The Miller's Tale" and "The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale"